

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 23, 1902.

Alliance and the state of Nebraska ought to be proud of their distinguished representative in the Philippines, Capt. L. A. Dorrington, son of Hon. F. M. Dorrington of United States land office. He was commissioned first lieutenant of the Second Nebraska and stationed at Chickamauga. He was soon called to Omaha where he served as judge advocate one year, and was then assigned to Company A of the Thirty-fourth infantry and transferred to the Philippines. Within six hours after his arrival he was in an engagement with the insurgent army. Being placed in charge of the scouts, his metal as a commander of men under fire won for him his promotion to the captaincy. Having survived the vicissitudes of thirty-seven engagements and skirmishes in which he was shot twice, and having acquitted himself without spot at several important military posts, he was appointed to the very responsible position of superintendent of buildings and illuminations for the city of Manila. The quantity and character of the business that comes to his office at the city hall is indicative of the importance of his position. It is doubtful whether any American is better known throughout Manila than he, to whose many kindly courtesies and unerring diplomacy I attribute, in great measure, the success of my visit to our new possessions.

The discovery of the Philippines in 1521 is credited to Magellan. The group embraces about 500 islands, having an area of 140,000 square miles and a population of 7,000,000. The eight larger islands, named in order according to area and beginning with the largest, are: Luzon, Mindanao, Samar, Mindoro, Panay, Leyte, Negros and Cebu. Manila, the largest city and located on Luzon, has a population estimated at 350,000. The Taft commission is now preparing to take a census. The chief products of the islands are hemp, tobacco, sugar, coffee, indigo, cotton, corn, bananas, oranges, pineapples, coconuts and mangos. It is approximated that less than one-tenth of the soil is cultivated and that a sufficient number of coconuts are not gathered each year to enrich a small kingdom. The total exports last year of all commodities were \$20,761,268, or about \$51,900,000 (Mex). There are vast forests of ebony, camphor and teak, while gold, copper, petroleum, coal and sulphur are in evidence. The public buildings erected by the Spaniards, which, fell into the hands of the United States under the twenty million purchase clause of the treaty of Paris, are alone worth millions. The presence of Filipino millionaires living in palatial dwellings erected at enormous expense in the city of Manila is indeed a surprise to me as my imagination had pictured the metropolis of the Philippines as an aggregation of shacks. Manila is to have electric cars to supplant those now plying her streets which are drawn by ponies. Each car bears the inscription on either side, "Tranvias de Filipinas." I have never visited a city in which transportation facilities were in greater demand, nor have I ever seen Chicago or New York more crowded with vehicles or pedestrians. One could scarcely imagine a more delightful drive than that afforded by the luneta, Manila's popular resort. Here may be seen numerous costly rubber-tired carriages drawn by prancing steeds imported from Australia. Society as seen here can easily give the bon tons of America lessons in expensive equipments. Governor Taft gave a reception at the Malacanan Palace Thursday evening where Spaniards, Filipinos and Americans mingled as joyfully as if no cruel bullets had ever measured the distance between the lines of rival armies. My friend assured me that he had seen a Filipino lady at a similar function wearing diamonds worth at least one hundred thousand dollars. The musical program at this reception was rendered by Filipino ladies who are noted for their musical skill. It is said that a Filipino takes to music as a duck takes to water. The table containing generous refreshments measured ten feet in diameter, being made in one piece from a section of a tree brought from Mindoro. The mammoth trees in the Philippines surprised me, and I venture the prophesy that the American people will be the most surprised people on the globe when they attend the World's Fair at St. Louis and examine the Philippine exhibit. Specimens, some of which I saw, are being collected. Each province will have a preliminary fair; the best specimens from these fairs will be exhibited at a larger fair at Manila in order to permit the Filipinos to see themselves as they will be seen at St. Louis, then the exhibits will be sent to the big show on the Mississippi.

Great strides are being made commercially which the Filipinos see and credit to American occupation. Under Spanish rule an Englishman rented a property, taking a lease at \$50 per month for a term of thirty years. He now rents it for \$500 per month and I met a man who will give \$700 per month for it. Before the Americans came a man offered a piece of property for \$147. No one wanted it at that figure. He sold it recently for \$6,000. It is a common saying that things leap to mountain heights when Uncle Sam stamps them with his brand. The natives seem to be delighted to be married by American clergymen, a conclusion proven by the fact that my clergyman friend has officiated at thirteen hundred marriages in eighteen months, a record unapproached in America.

A purchasing agent for the insular government informs me that Manila offers splendid inducements for a hardware firm, there being but one place in the city where one can purchase a full stock of carpenter and machinist tools and that place is owned and operated by a Chinaman who has cleared over \$200,000 the past two years in a room not over forty feet square. The proprietor of the Orient hotel, the best in the city, has cleared \$70,000 the past two years. All hotels are usually crowded. It is a wonder that some manufacturer of rope does not set up a factory here. At present hemp is shipped to Hong Kong, made into rope and shipped back, the dealer paying a heavy duty. Saloon keepers complain that their business is very dull as so many soldiers have been returned to the states and the natives as a rule do not patronize them. A man who has lived here two and a half years asserts that he has seen only two intoxicated natives. A coconut soap factory would be a paying proposition here. At present the soap makers of Germany are heavy purchasers of that particular product. From the department of public land I learn that there are 50,000,000 acres of government land in the Philippines. That part which is covered with mammoth trees is worth hundreds of dollars per acre. To nearly every official, I have put the following question, "Did the American government pay too much when it gave \$20,000,000 in settling with Spain?" In every case the answer has come that the sum paid represents only the smallest fraction of the value of the possessions, causing one to call in question the ethics of getting so much by paying so little. But the question takes on a different dress when the cost of holding the islands is considered in treasure and blood. On the other hand many of the Filipinos look upon the Americans as deliverers, as the Americans first delivered them from the iron hand of the Spaniards, and secondly from the ladrones who have been a menace to progress for 300 years. The ladrones are Filipinos but are to the honest Filipinos what the James boys were to honest Americans. There are doubtless hundreds of ladrones and possibly thousands now in Manila and vicinity not so much in opposition to the American flag, but are engaged in disposing of the loot being brought into the city by their confederates throughout the islands. I was very particular in questioning Governor Taft regarding the ladrones, and will here outline, not quoting verbatim, such of his remarks as may appeal to me to be of general interest: (Continued next week.)

Additional Local.

George Darling visited friends in Whitman Sunday.

Reaping the Harvest, by the La Pearl theatrical company, was presented at the opera house Monday evening. It is among the best shows that have visited Alliance this season. It is a strong character play with a moral which, however, does not bristle at every corner, and the company make it very entertaining throughout. They had a well filled house.

W. G. Buchner, a former resident of Alliance but now in the train service at Sheridan, came down Thursday to join the order of B. of R. T. Mr. Buchner made THE HERALD a visit and congratulated us on the success the paper has attained in Alliance. He said that friends sent the paper up occasionally but that he desired to receive it regularly and accordingly subscribed.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Ed S. Wildy and Charles M. Lotspeich, under name of the Alliance Meat Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Charles M. Lotspeich continuing the business, collecting all accounts and assuming all obligations.

Ed S. Wildy, CHARLES M. LOTSPEICH, Dated Alliance, Neb., Feb. 21, 1903.

See F. E. Reddish for loans on real estate.

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THE HERALD does not desire to devote too much space to this question but as the republicans in this part of the state seem anxious to learn of the status of the case and as no other Alliance paper dares to mention anything concerning the matter THE HERALD owes it to its readers to give developments. The latest is that Wilcox's nomination has gone to the senate for confirmation and notwithstanding that dozens of protests and various charges have been preferred against him by republicans he has the backing of Jay R. Pea and the two Nebraska senators and THE HERALD would not be surprised to hear of his confirmation any day.

Notwithstanding that Box Butte county was over a hundred republican on the state ticket last election yet only one republican was elected to a county office and this last deal breaks the camel's back. The anti-Phelan republicans, which are the old soldiers and others who would not sell their body and soul for a railroad pass, can and will control the election of county officers next fall as they did a year ago. They are stronger now than ever before.

To Further Y. M. C. A. Club.

The meeting for the furtherance of the organizing of a club or Y. M. C. A. by the young men of this city was held at the courthouse Monday evening as had been announced. Quite a goodly number of young men were present and most of the ministers of the city were there also. There had been talk of having just a local club but at this meeting it was decided to have the Alliance organization a branch of the Y. M. C. A., as the benefits to be derived from belonging to such an extensive organization as the Y. M. C. A. would be so great they could not well afford to forego them. The following committees were appointed:

Committee to nominate board of directors—Rev. Bogue, Rev. Jeffers, Rev. Howie, Ira Reed and Bruce Benedict.

Committee to canvas for members—Alex Muirhead, Prof. Bartz, C. C. Smith, Ira Reed and J. W. Baumgardner.

Ralph Lewis was appointed delegate to attend a Y. M. C. A. convention held at Beatrice this week. He left Wednesday for that purpose. Another meeting will be held next Monday evening to discuss further plans and report progress made.

Fatal Accident.

Charles E. Bebout, a bakeman who was transferred to this division from Deadwood about two months ago, met death in a shocking manner last Monday morning when a short distance east of Marsland. He was braking on an extra eastbound freight in charge of Conductor Knowls and the engine was almost unequal to drawing the train up a slope at this portion of the road. There is a curve there, also, and another eastbound extra freight came upon the first too suddenly to be stopped without crashing into the train with considerable force. Young Bebout was standing on the front platform of the way car when his train was struck. He was thrown between the cars mangled his lower limbs in a horrible manner. He was mercifully rendered unconscious and bled to death in less than an hour. His body was brought here where it was prepared for shipment to Nebraska City where his home is.

Four Alliance Men Indicted.

The Omaha World-Herald of today says: "Colonel Mosby's investigation of fraudulent land entries in Nebraska was fruitful of much expense to the government, but not a single indictment was made by the grand jury. There was a number of indictments for fraudulent entries and similar offenses but none that applied to any case where the soldier's widow was involved.

The government spent \$6,000 for witness fees, \$2,909 for the grand jury and about \$400 in serving subpoenas, making a total of \$9,303.

As a result of General Agent W. R. Lesser's investigations four indictments were rendered and arrests were made at Alliance yesterday. The men indicted are: Eph Corneal, F. E. Reddish, John Leith, Henry H. Miller. They are accused of subornation of perjury, but the accusation is that they procured the making of false entries by negroes.

Messrs. Corneal, Reddish, Miller and Leith accompanied the marshal to Omaha this morning. All will furnish bonds for their appearance at the next term of the federal court.

Mrs. W. A. Hampton who is taking treatment at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha writes that her health is steadily improving and that she hopes to soon return home.

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